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ACTION MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Action Memorandum No. A-37Date 23 August 1962

TO : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Special Group Debriefing, 23 August -- Resupply for Meo's

REFERENCE:

1. I arrived at the Special Group meeting to replace Mr. McCone while the subject was under discussion. I am not aware of the prior discussion but this may be available from Mr. McCone's debriefing to Mr. Elder later today. I was asked the source of the information on the requirement for Meo supplies of arms and ammunition. Specifically, were these authenticated reports of U. S. nationals or just what was their source, and what assurance did we have that they were valid. I stated that I could not answer the question, that I did not know whether U. S. nationals were involved but would think probably not, but that we attached good credence to the reports.

2. Mr. McCone stated that we should get a knowledgeable officer (probably either Mr. Jorgensen or Mr. Colby) to brief General Taylor on the entire matter and possibly to accompany General Taylor when he presented the project to the President. Mr. Johnson of State indicated that if the Meo's are under attack, State had no problem or no reservations as to their resupply. While not specifically stated by the group, it was apparent that the ultimate decision was left for decision by the President after he was briefed by General Taylor.

3. Please prepare a short memorandum and an accompanying map to indicate the source of the reports, the extent and degree of the attacks, an order of magnitude estimate of what is to be supplied, who is making the attacks, and

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a prognosis as to the possibility of the flights being detected. This should also indicate where the flights will originate, who will fly them, and where they will terminate.

3. I anticipate no problem providing the presentation is made along the foregoing lines to General Taylor. Please keep me closed in and if you need any assistance or further guidance, let me know.

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